

Wycombe Wanderers 4, Wimbledon 1

IN A HURRIEDLY arranged friendly at the request of Wimbledon, at Loakes Park on Tuesday night (few people knew about it) Wycombe dominated a side which included only two players with regular League experience, Dave Bassett, now assistant manager, and Ron Knowles.

The first goal came in three minutes. Les Reed took a free kick near a corner flag for Stewart Atkins to head in. Two minutes later there was almost an 'action replay', but this time the Wimbledon 'keeper just got to the ball.

The Wanderers' front three, Atkins, Scott and Long, combined well, creating many problems for a harassed defence. Mick Holifield grazed a post just before Wycombe went further ahead in the 25th minute. Scott, who had another great game, won the ball in midfield, out-manoeuvred centre half Dandy and sent Atkins away with a beautiful through ball. Atkins swept past a defender and sidestepped the 'keeper to slot the ball home.

With only sporadic attacks from the visitors, John Maskell was rarely troubled and in the 31st minute Keith Mead chipped over a high ball for Steve Long to head down into a corner of the net.

Dylan Evans and Peter Spittle came on as substitutes for Long and Maskell after the interval and Wycombe began again where they had left off — mainly on the attack, with Holifield and Atkins coming close. But Wimbledon got on to the scoresheet eight minutes into the half with a goal from Knowles, follow-

ing defensive error. Spittle had no chance with a fine shot.

With Wimbledon's attacks becoming as rare as snow in summer the Wanderers' front men looked like building up a bigger score-line but it was not until three minutes from the end that the fourth goal came.

Scott sent a short cross back from the byeline to give Dylan Evans a chance he took handsomely.

WYCOMBE: John Maskell, Peter Birdseye, Keith Mead, Steve Hardwick, Alan Phillips, John Priestley, Stewart Atkins, Mick Holifield, Steve Long, Terry Scott, Les Reed (Subs Dylan Evans, Peter Spittle).

WIMBLEDON: J. Matthews, M. Sorenson, D. Bassett, M. Morris, M. Dandy, N. Blazey, R. Bray, G. Stewart, R. Knowles, W. Downs, N. Bellfield.

Well won, Amersham

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THEIR London Spartan League victory at Farnham was Amersham's fifth in eight away games. There were no goals in the first half, but the appearance of Amersham's substitute, Ray Fisher, seemed to do the trick. He caused panic in the Farnham defence and laid on the Amersham goal after 80 minutes. He neatly flicked the ball to Selwyn Campbell and Campbell's drive from 25 yards was a winner all the way.

Amersham, at home to another top table side, Fisher Athletic, tomorrow, have signed Chesham United striker, Micky Gilchrist.

Hendon trip

WYCOMBE Wanderers visit old rivals Hendon tomorrow in a Berger Isthmian League encounter.

Hendon will be anxious to avenge their defeat at Loakes Park earlier this season when Wycombe collected a £40 score bonus. They are currently fifth in the league table, several places above Wycombe, who have played three fewer games.

A win for the Wanderers, who have shown attacking flair with a more settled side in recent games, could lift them nearer the leaders.

Wanderers are home on Boxing Day, to Oxford City, k.o. 3 p.m., and on December 30 they will entertain Enfield — both league games. Enfield will be looking to wipe out the memory of their heavy defeat by Wycombe at the start of the season.